

# CHURCH NOTES FOR BUSY MEN.

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CONVERSIONS.

The conversions to the Catholic Church in 1908 numbered 28,700, according to the records of the Congress of Missionaries at Washington, but the average in New England was only one in 1,200. However, there are immense numbers of good Catholics in the great dioceses of New England, and perhaps with the grace of God, the principal source of conversion, the home of the Puritans will have a higher place on the honor roll of the Church next year.—Exchange.

## THE RESULT OF MIXED MARRIAGES.

The Catholic Citizen, Milwaukee, calls attention to the fact that of four families now living in that city who are accounted descendants from Solomon Jureau, the Catholic founder of Milwaukee, Catholics are in the majority. Numerous other descendants of Jureau are found outside of Milwaukee. A majority of Catholics in the city are in all instances, says the Citizen, the fact is attributed to mixed marriages.

## FLYING MACHINES.

It is worth noting that the distinction of being the inventor of flying machines belongs to a Catholic priest, Father Bartholomew Guzman, the true inventor of aerial navigation. He occupied for fifteen years the chair of philosophy at the Jesuit school in the city of St. Ignace, and was recognized as the first authority on the physical sciences.

## PUSHING MATTERS.

At a meeting of Catholic laymen recently held in Windsor, N. B., it was decided to employ an Italian priest in that city, in addition to those of other nationalities who are now serving the Italians, to establish a church for the Italian community, and to employ a chapel car to visit outlying sections.

## THE ANGLICAN.

One picturesque outcome of the late Conference at Lincoln has been that the Anglican authorities propose to place a stained-glass window in the Chapter House commemorating John Wesley as the greatest man in church affairs of the nineteenth century.

## GOOD COUNSEL.

A correspondent of the Christian Guardian referring to an editorial in Church Work, the organ of the Anglican body in the Maritime Provinces, in which the custom of English Methodism in its use of local preachers is favorably noticed, says:—The lesson drawn from this is that if the Anglican Church is to be successful in its missionary work more must be made of the ministry of consecrated laymen. The same issue has an editorial on Lay Evangelism. The planing of the Anglican on lay evangelism cannot fail to have a great influence on the Anglican Church, if it may be said, and we hope he did, it would only be another illustration of Methodism coming out on top.

## THE PRESBYTERIAN.

Mr. Thompson, a well known hymn writer, died a few days ago in the Presbyterian Hospital, New York, where he had been under treatment for some time. He was the author of many text books on music, but was most widely known for his own sacred compositions and for the hymns that he wrote. His "Gospel Hymns" and "Jesus is Calling" is contained in all the hymnals throughout the world. Among the hundred or more secular songs written by him are "The Dawn With the Tide," and "Moonlight and Stars Again."

## ABOUT OVERLAPPING.

The Christian Guardian says: "One of the Home Mission Superintendents of the Presbyterian Church declares that there is very little denominational overlapping in the Synod of British Columbia, out of 117 mission preaching stations, there were 72 at which there was neither Methodist nor Congregational preaching. It will possibly strike some ardent Methodists that it might not be a bad thing at all if the Methodists did overlap a little at some of these 72 places. Doubtless, however, there are just as many places where the Methodists are allowed to have their own way, and where Presbyterian preaching is unknown."

## NINE GIRLS.

The Third Presbyterian Church in Chicago has a missionary society which fifteen years ago started with nine young girls, and which without entertainments of any sort during that time have raised \$250.

## THE BAPTISTS.

Rev. Dr. Aked, pastor of Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, New York, says that with the exception of a personal Christ and the assurance of immortality Dr. Eliot is all right. "I have no hesitation in saying that the religion of the future is the religion of today, of a large part of, educated English-speaking people. It is now the religion of people who read books and write books. It is the religion that is now preached from intellectual pulpits. Dr. Eliot is right when he says the religion of the future will not be based on authority, but on the personality which men and women of the present will head is experience that can be tested and tried in the laboratory. The religion of the future will be the religion of Jesus Christ. It has been said to be so far."

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# JOURNALIST VICTIM OF NEW YORK THUGS

## Talbot Mundy Found Dying From Assault in Gas House District

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—The World this morning says: Talbot Mundy, until recently district commissioner for Police District East 10th, is dying in Bellevue Hospital as the result of a blackjacking he received last night in the heart of the notorious gas house district on the East side.

## THE METHODISTS

Sir William Macgregor, the newly appointed Governor of Queensland, speaks highly of the work of Wesleyan Methodists in Fiji and New Guinea, in both of which colonies of ours he has held high official positions. Speaking of Methodists in Fiji he asserts that it is the most effective piece of missionary work in the whole world. Of the population of about 120,000 (scarcely five per cent. being Europeans), over 90,000 habitually attend the Wesleyan churches. It was on Sir William's invitation that Wesleyan missionaries first went to New Guinea, and the Rev. W. E. Bevan was the pioneer of the Gospel there. Sensible methods were the secret of his success. He discovered the superior effectiveness of the Wesleyan native missionary over the imported European, and he, therefore, organized a large staff of Fijian, Samoan, and Tongan teachers, and with them ran a school. In a few years there were native students ready to study theology. Not only was the native taught the Gospel, but he was trained to spread his own house and grow his own food.

## VISITING EWORTH

An act of Methodist veneration for the memory of John Wesley was strikingly shown by the journey of 50 Methodist pilgrims from the Conyngsby city to Epworth. Deep thoughts were occasioned in the minds of those who made the journey by the fact that they walked along the street which John Wesley himself must have traversed hundreds of times. Epworth is a large village, long and straggling, and its houses are an odd mixture of the old and new.

## DR. COOK

An exchange puts it this way: "Dr. Cook says he has reached the Pole. If he did, and we regret that we are not able to omit the 'if,' then the issue has an editorial on Lay Evangelism. The planing of the Anglican on lay evangelism cannot fail to have a great influence on the Anglican Church, if it may be said, and we hope he did, it would only be another illustration of Methodism coming out on top."

## SATURDAY SERMONETTE

"No Man is a Hero to His Valet." That old saw is a humbug. It conveys a wrong impression, it says that a hero of character and under ordinary circumstances is not a hero. As if a hero could be understood by a valet. His valet would be a hero if the valet could appreciate him. The hero being common-places things, like eating, drinking, sleeping, perhaps being a good father, but not a hero in the common-place mind.

## TWO JOCKEY CLUBS

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—Governor Hughes renewed action against betting at the race track. It was said today, has resulted in the formation of the Kings county (Brooklyn) grand jury of the Coney Island Jockey Club and the Brooklyn Jockey Club, charged with aiding and abetting making gambling books. It is generally reported that the four indictments returned yesterday have been swelled to thirty, including certain officers of the clubs named one important police official and several private detectives in the employ of racing track associations.

## ROYAL HEIR'S POLITICAL FAITH.

Francis Ferdinand Says He is Tolerant of All Creeds. BUDAPEST, Oct. 1.—The Pest Herald publishes the following statement, made by the Austro-Hungarian heir-apparent, the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, on his own political opinions: "It is absurd to say that I am ultra-montane and clerical. As a Roman Catholic I believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ, and I believe in the Catholic Church, but that does not prevent me from realizing my duty to honor and respect all other religious convictions. Religious prejudices will, therefore, have no place in my policy."

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## PUPILS TO BE TAUGHT KINDNESS TO ANIMALS

CHICAGO, Oct. 2.—For the first time in the history of the public schools of Illinois the state Legislature has decreed that a course of study, the humane treatment of animals, henceforth is to be taught.

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# MISS FRITZ BREAKS WORLD'S RECORD

WINS Typewriting Championship With Average of 95 Words a Minute

MISS FLORENCE WILSON, an eighteen-year-old girl, shared the honors of the day with Miss Rose Fritz, the present holder of the International championship, in the typewriting contest at the Business Show in Madison Square Garden. It was announced that on Tuesday evening she won the amateur and student's contests, with a record of seventy-three words a minute.

# WHITNEY THE GUEST OF ANDREW CARNEGIE

Plans to Stay at Manchester, Mass., for Some Days

MANCHESTER, N. B., Oct. 2.—Whitney of New Haven, the millionaire hunter who met Dr. Cook at Etah on the return, is in Manchester on the coast of Andromeda, and Whitney plans to stay here for some days for rest after his long trip. This afternoon he took an automobile ride along the north shore with Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell.

# WASHOUT AFTER EXPRESS PASSES

DORCHESTER, N. B., Oct. 2.—The I. C. R. track was washed out again just after the Ocean Limited, going west, passed. The heavy tide again Saturday washed out the track between Dorchester and Upper Dorchester. It was the same part that was washed away yesterday. The marshes are covered with water and hundreds of tons of hay are being ruined.

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